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SUBJECT: UGANDA ROUND-UP: NOVEMBER 8

1. CHARGE WAS CALLED IN NOV. 8 BY FOREIGN MINISTER ONDOGA WHO DELIVERED NOTE COMPLAINING OF THREATS AND BURGLARIES PERPETRATED AGAINST UGANDAN MISSION TO UN AND DEMANDING BETTER PROTECTIVE MEASURES BY USG. CHARGE DELIVERED TO ONDOGA NOTE INFORMING GOU THAT ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL ARE BEING WITHDRAWN EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY NOV. 8 FORWARDING TEXT OF A TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL AMIN TO PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH EMBASSY WAS AKED TO TRANSMIT. MESSAGE WAS FEATURED AS FIRST ITEM ON 1300 HOURS RADIO UGANDA NEWS BROADCAST. MESSAGE CONGRATULATED AND COMPLIMENTED PRESIDENT
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NIXON "MOST SINCERELY FOR THIS COURAGEOUS STAND"

OF HAVING RESTATED THAT HE WOULD NOT RESIGN FROM THE PRESIDENCY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE BY THE PEOPLE OF THE USA. AMIN SAID HE WAS SURE "ANY OTHER WEAK LEADER WOULD HAVE RESIGNED OR EVEN COMMITTED SUICIDE AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO SO MUCH HARASSMENT BECAUSE OF THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. THE WORLD TODAY NEEDS LEADERS WHO HAVE DETERMINATION AND COURAGE TO STAND IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES TO LEAD THEIR PEOPLE." AT END OF MESSAGE AMIN AGAIN WISHED MR. NIXON "A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE WATERGATE AFFAIR."

3. TEMPORARILY FORGOT ANOTHER OF GENERAL AMIN'S REMARKS AT SOVIET RECEPTION NOV. 7 THAT CAUSED A GOOD DEAL OF COMMENT. IN THANKING USSR FOR ITS HELP TO ARAB STATES IN WAR AGAINST ISRAEL, AMIN SAID IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE RUSSIANS, EGYPT WOULD NOW BE CALLED ISRAEL. NOT MUCH OF A COMPLIMENT FOR THE ARABS PRESENT. THE SOUND SYSTEM WAS NO CREDIT TO SOVIET TECHNOLOGY. BOTH ZAKHAROV'S AND AMIN'S SPEECHES WERE STEADILY PUNCTUATED BY STACCATO CRACKLING EMANATING FROM THE SPEAKERS.

4. GENERAL AMIN IS VISITING AND LECTURING MILITARY UNITS IN LIRA, MOROTO AND MBALE ALL DAY NOV. 8.

5. AMIN HAS ORDERED ALL BRITONS WHO HOLD UGANDAN CITIZENSHIP AND THREE ASIAN ELDERS WHO HOLD UGANDAN CITIZENSHIP FROM EACH DISTRICT TO MEET WITH HIM AT COMMAND POST AFTERNOON NOV. 9. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. NO HINT AS TO SUBJECT OF MEETING.

6. FIRST CAMEROUNIAN AMBASSADOR TO UGANDA, EL HADJ MAHMOUDOU HAMMAN DICKO, PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO AMIN NOV. 7.

7. MILITARY POLICE ANNOUNCED ARREST OF ANOTHER "BOGUS OFFICER" AND WARNED AGAIN AGAINST PERSONS POSING AS ARMY PERSONNEL WHO GO AROUND TERRORIZING POPULATION.

8. A "MILITARY SPOKESMAN" ISSUED A COMMENT ON PHOTOGRAPH WHICH APPEARED IN NAIROBI DAILY NATION YESTERDAY SHOWING DR. KISSINGER INSPECTING A ROYAL MOROCCAN GUARD OF HONOR. SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS "DEMORALIZING AND SHAMEFUL" TO GIVE A GUARD OF HONOR TO SOMEONE WHO HAS JUST RECENTLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN SENDING AMERICAN ARMS AND TROOPS TO ISRAEL "TO MURDER THE ARABS." SPOKESMAN WONDERED HOW A "MURDERER" COULD BE SO HONORED BY SAME ARABS HE HAS BEEN MURDERING IN MIDDLE EAST, AND SAID THIS MAKES ARAB APPEAL TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THEIR CAUSE "MEANINGLESS". EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS THAT A "MERE" SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD BE HONORED IN A FASHION RESERVED FOR PRESIDENTS, SPOKESMAN SAID.
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